

*Appln. No. 10/645,369*

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In the claims:

1-9 (Cancelled)

10. (New) A non-directional detonating cord retention device for use with a loop of Detonating Cord in a packaging system, said device comprising;

a molded polymeric block having at least four sides, said block defined by integrally connected base and lid segments, a living hinge defined along one side of said block and latching means at an opposite side, said segments when closed on one another defining a channel open to opposed sides of said block other than said hinge defining and latch defining sides thereof, said segments when open defining slots for receiving end portions of a detonating cord loop, and said slots when closed orienting the loop end portions in said channel, so that the loop end portions are exposed to one another and to said open ends of said channel.

11. (New) The device according to claim 10 wherein said slots are angled inwardly toward one another to minimize the spacing between the loop end portions of the detonating cord in said channel and so that the loop radiates outwardly away from the device.

12. (New) The device according to claim 10 further characterized by support panels for accommodating a plurality detonating cord loops, and a plurality of devices arranged along a line to accommodate the detonation cord loops so that the loops extend outwardly from said line, said panels being assembled so as to accommodate the loops of detonating cord in a stack of support panels for transportation of detonating cord.